THE EUROPEAN HARVEST FIELD

FOOD REMITTANCES TO EUROPE

Through a letter recently received from Miss Emmy Steyrer, of Vienna, we have become familiar with the relief work of "C. A. R. E.," a non-profit organization to place more food within reach of those facing starvation in European countries. The 10-in-1 food packages prepared under U. S. Government specifications will be laid down at the address given in nearly any European State after receipt of a remittance order by a C. A. R. E. representative abroad. On receipt of the fixed $15.00 fee, the New York office (50 Broad Street, New York 4) will send an air mail order to its nearest representative in Europe, thus making delivery within the shortest possible time.

While money is and will continue to be the medium of exchange, and a necessity to Missionaries permanently located in the countries recently at war, these food order packages fill a definite place in the European relief work. If you have friends abroad suffering from lack of food and necessary vitamins, you can either send us the necessary funds and addresses and we will at once place the orders as directed; or if you prefer, you can write to C. A. R. E. for "food remittance applications" and place the orders personally. We suggest a monthly $15 package shipment, such as Miss Steyrer has asked for, and believe it is the safest and most reliable way to minister to the needs of Europe's starving peoples.

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MANY READING THE WORD

Paris, July 29.

My Dear Brother in Christ:

"My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved." —Rom. 10:1.

As respects what is generally called "News," perhaps I have little to write, but to maintain our fellowship I want to send you a few lines. The Word in my heart at this moment is, "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow." It is a great joy and privilege to be used of God as an instrument to manifest His glory. During the three months I have been here with Miss Christoffersen, many Bibles, Gospels and tracts have been placed in the homes of the chosen people of God. We can praise Him because many are reading His Word. May our beloved Lord bless all these souls who have accepted this testimony when it was offered to them. Let us pray that through the Spirit and the Word they may be redeemed from sin and brought into the glorious liberty belonging to the children of God.

We have many reasons to praise God in this difficult time, especially for strength to carry on His work. To some it may seem a tedious task to keep up the daily round of calls from house to house with the Gospel message, searching out those whom we believe the Lord has chosen to become members of His kingdom, but one soul born into the kingdom now and again, and the thought that there are others to be sought out among the thousands of God's chosen people, is a great urge and incentive to "labor on."

That is the key, the great appeal:

"Go, labor on; 'tis not for naught;
Thine earthly loss is heavenly gain;
Men heed thee, love thee, praise thee not;
The Master praises,—what are men?

"Toil on, and in thy toil rejoice,
For toil comes rest, for exile home;
Soon thou shalt hear the Bridegroom's voice,
The midnight peal, "Behold, I come!"

Let us ever trust Him for His unchanging love. Dear Brother, dear friends, pray for this country and for the chosen people in refuge here, and for fresh opportunity daily to make Messiah known. The love of Christ to His saints is to be measured in their love to one another. Yours in a precious Saviour.

I. D. SAMUELS.

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THESE ARE THOSE WHICH CAME!

Rev. 7:14.

"I have given them the words which Thou gavest me, and they have received them."
John 17:8.

Dear Fellow-workers in the Gospel:

It is high summer in Paris, at times extremely hot, and all who can are leaving for a holiday in the country. The students and most of our friends have left, and only the poorest will stay and get along as best they can. We have been enabled to help a few sick ones and some children to have a rest. You will be glad to know that the Polish lady I mentioned,—who was losing her mind,—has improved very much, and is enjoying the Word of God. Her son, a soldier in Scotland, came to see her and she brought him to me,—a lovely young fellow who accepted the Lord so readily that we felt it was all prayer which did it,—your faithful intercession!

We have now procured permission, papers to go and return and a passage; so D. V., we will be leaving tomorrow, and we do covet your prayers for the trip, for there will be great opportunities and engagements as well. And for all that we leave behind, Mr. Samuels will continue and follow up all beginnings, and you will continue in prayer for all who have received the Word and who have been touched by the Grace of God.

First, there is the Rabbi and his family. Mr. Samuels and I have taken dinner there twice, and what a visit it was. It was Friday evening, with Sabbath light and traditional prayers in Hebrew. The large family of eight children and two grandmothers around the table, all starting in by eating of the same morsel of bread and drinking of the same cup of the vine. It was like a solemn assembly! We sang the Psalms in Hebrew; they are all very musical. A little boy of six can play anything he hears sung. The son-in-law, a professor from Versailles, sat next to me, and we had interesting talks, ending with the New Testament. Since then the Rabbi spent an afternoon with us. We had prayed so much for this,—asked the Lord to give us an opportunity to show him from the Word of God things to come, his great responsibility before his family in view of the coming judgment. He read and understood Mark 8:38. He stood when we knelt in prayer. He was grateful and said that he envied me. We cannot but believe that the Lord is dealing with him; and you who believe that He is able to decide will stand with us, that he may confess the Christ which he clearly sees is the promised Messiah.

It is estimated that over 200,000 Jews are living in France; 100,000 in Paris. Many, many are refugees, from lands where the persecution is still strong, coming into France, where there is no open persecution. This makes the field of service great; so much to do, it is an open, responsive field to sow the Word in. Will you remember these suffering lonely cases, mostly one out of a family?

We met a young woman in the subway. She accepted a tract and came the following day to see us. We saw the tattooed mark on her arm,—a sign given to all who were destined for the gas chamber. She escaped while the German woman in charge wanted her to finish some fine needlework. But she stood all night behind the chimney, seeing the smoke coming up where her parents were burning!

To see a highly cultured man, a Greek doctor, with his wife and child, who had just arrived from Turkey,—see them weeping and sighing,—it goes deep! You cannot forget; you cry to the Lord that He will undertake. There is nothing but Christ Who is sufficient. This dear couple is haunted night and day by the sight of the last moment with their loved ones. The Germans stripped them, wrapped them in paper, stopped their mouths, fired at them, and then burned them!

We could go on, for the story is long, but these will enable you to remember suffering, lonely ones. Pray with deep understanding, with groanings, for it is sorrow beyond words. A Dr. W. from London came over to see about the situation

of the Jews, and we arranged for a larger meeting in a Salvation Army hall. It was a blessed occasion; many Jews were present, and we are following up with prayer and visitation all interested ones.

And then a Czech, a dear brother in Christ, who knows well our dear fellow-workers, Mr. and Mrs. Lukesh, has promised us the use of his large shop for meetings. So as soon as I return we will begin evangelization among the Jews in larger gatherings, similar to the work we have been able to do so far in our rooms.

Then prayer is needed for the French girls coming as time permits for the study of the Bible; it is appalling the utter ignorance of the Word of God. We are in touch with a concentration camp for foreigners who are destitute, without passports and papers, without home or country. One Russian has been helped. He came to see us and accepted Christ. He said that he would do anything,—care for lepers, work in the mines, go anywhere, if he only could get the right to move. The problem is lack of housing.

"*God send workers*" is always before us, for great is the need to spread the Gospel. Think of so large a students' quarter, so many academic young people, and no work among them at all. What an opportunity for a devoted young man!

With many, many thanks for all your help, parcels and gifts, prayer and love.

With warm greetings, Yours in Christ,

TORDIS CHRISTOFFERSEN.

OUR FRIEND IN AUSTRIA

Vienna, June 3, 1946.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I thank you for your letter of May 17, which arrived yesterday. Thank you also for the money. I know it came from the Lord, to enable me to get away for a few weeks and to rest a while, as the Lord told his disciples in Mark 6:31. Overwork and under-nourishment worked together to weaken my heart, but I feel sure if I get a little rest I shall be all right again. It is marvelous how the Lord is supplying strength from moment to moment where otherwise one would break down completely under the abnormal stress of the present time.

Our women's society made a heroic effort to support me as long as I was cut off from my friends in America, but lately they could not do it any longer. Some have died; others have had to leave the country; still others are scattered all over Austria without any contact with us, and a good many lost all they possessed when bombs destroyed their homes. This being the case, I was doubly thankful for this first love gift from my friends in America.

In connection with this, I would ask a special favor of you. In case friends should send in gifts regularly, as they did before the war, I should be *very* thankful if you would take the trouble to take off the necessary amount each month to order a food package for $15. I hope this would not cause you too much trouble, and it would be a wonderful help not only to me, but for the many slowly starving people of our congregation. As to clothing and shoes, I would say that we are all in great need, and should be very thankful to receive some as soon as it would be possible to ship them.

I would send my love and thanks to all my dear friends, and tell them I have been thinking of and praying for them all these years, and I am so glad and so full of gratitude toward God for opening the door and contacting me with them again. Pastor Monsky, with whom I am still working, charges me to remember him to you and to give you his best compliments. Hoping you are well, and to receive a letter from you from time to time,

Very sincerely yours in the Lord,

EMMY A. STEYRER.

THE BLESSING OF GOSPEL TRACTS

Rev. John Kovalchuk
Argentina, Uruguay
and Paraguay

Buenos Aires, July 26.

Dear Brother Smith:

Your letter of June 19th received some time ago. The sum of $150 you sent to me, which came from our dear friend and her mother for the printing and shipment of the tracts, reached me lately. Those tracts they wished to have printed are now ready for distribution, and their money came in time to cover the expenses. I am enclosing herewith a copy of one of the tracts, which just came from the printer's.

Please pray with us as these tracts are shipped to different countries in Europe and elsewhere, and also distributed prayerfully and widely here in South America. As you know, these tracts are in the Russian language, carefully prepared and printed for the spreading of the Gospel among thousands of Russians now scattered over the earth. Here in South America they seem to be permanent settlers, with no thought of returning to the land of their birth.

May the Lord richly bless this tract service to them all. With the help of the Lord and our friends we have already printed and distributed over one hundred thousand different Gospel tracts, and we believe that all this which was sown in our weakness will bring forth good fruit for the salvation of lost souls. We have already received some wonderful answers from people in different places, telling of the blessing they received, and they are requesting more literature and asking questions about salvation.

Regarding the progress of our personal work, we have many rains this winter here, which make it almost impossible to visit our fields in this province and the other neighboring republics. In spite of all this, we constantly receive urgent calls to come to them and hold special meetings. The Lord willing, we will be able to make long trips again the coming spring, in a month or so. At present we are doing our best in our center here in Buenos Aires and other places near by. We have regular services and some special meetings from time to time.

Last Sunday we had a special service, with the Russian young people's program. At the end of this service we made a special collection for the suffering Christians in Russia. The Lord blessed this service wonderfully. Since we announced this meeting in the Russian newspaper here and special leaflets with the program were printed and widely distributed, a large crowd came to our meeting. The large Prayer Hall was altogether full. As you can see from the enclosed program, many of our young people took part in this meeting. I also had a good opportunity to testify in conclusion. Many tracts and other pieces of Gospel literature were distributed after the service. May God bless richly all that was done in our weakness!

Many of our Russian and Ukrainian people are constantly coming from the provinces and other republics to Buenos Aires to look for work, and intending to stay here. Hence the need is great to help them in a spiritual way, so I am trying to give as much time as possible to visitation at their homes. I have found this kind of service of special importance,—visiting the family at home to converse together, reading the Word of God and taking time to pray and bring all the burdens of life before the Lord. This is a great encouragement and spiritual help in these trying times. Please continue praying for us and our wide and needy field here.

We remain yours in His glad service, JOHN KOVALCHUK.

A WAY IN THE WILDERNESS

"If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then shall thy light rise, and thou shalt be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose water faileth not." Isaiah 58:10.

Dear Fellow-Laborers in the Lord:

Recently I heard of a rich man who took a Christian gentleman out to see all his possessions. Looking out over the fields, he said: "All the land that you see down there is mine, and the houses on this side of the street belong to me," and so on. Then the dear man of God looked up and said: "There is heaven; do you have anything up there?"

Out of our united work here of relieving suffering and sorrow has abounded much praise and joy, and this is to give you an insight into the homes and hearts with which we have to do. Just in passing, I found a family whose children, for lack of clothing, had not been outside their room for several months. What big, wondering eyes, all smiles and joy, watched me as I unpacked the things you have sent to the naked and hungry ones!

A touching, sad letter from a mother, whose husband disappeared in Germany, asked if we had anything for her naked boy:—and this is only part of a long untold story of suffering. With every parcel goes the Word of God, revealing His love for the fatherless and widows. A delicate Polish lady, the only one left of a large, fine, rich family, was so low morally and physically that we feared the worst. She came to me after she had heard my testimony in a young women's meeting, and we have had many precious hours together with the Word of God. She is now sent out into the country for a prolonged rest, made possible by English friends. Through the same source an earnest, born-again Jewess had her teeth mended, and she in turn brought me to a splendid young Jewish doctor, whose treatments of my heart proved to be most effective. And, of course, these consultations led to spiritual conversations. Please take him into your prayer life, with three other doctors with whom I am in contact and who are much on my heart.

One evening a few of us gathered for prayer in the chapel which is located in the large house where the American service men live. Suddenly there entered a young man, anxious, and with a despairing look in his eyes. He asked for a chaplain, but as there was none present, I told him that I was a Missionary, and so we sat down in a corner. He was a Jew, and he was in great distress. I have sinned, I have fallen, I am going home this evening *par avion* (via airplane). How can I meet my wife and child; and he wept and confessed: What am I to do? You should know how I love my little girl. The consequences of my sin have taken effect in my whole body!

It was truly an afflicted soul, such as I have never met in a Jew before. We spoke long and intimately about our great God and Saviour, about His great sufficient grace,—the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin,—and can meet us where we are. And finally a light was seen in his eyes, as I showed him that God Himself can unite the whole family. This is a special case, but if you could see your own soldier boys as they live and walk in this city, you could not do otherwise than be concerned and cry unto God for them. It is horrible! We do all in our power to arrest them with tracts and earnest conversation.

Sometimes I wish you could read the letters of appreciation coming from pastors and Christian workers who have been helped. Two elderly sisters wrote: "We praised the Lord this morning as we looked at the lovely, warm underwear and stockings (and it was only used, mended and even torn things). And the woolen sweater you sent was wonderful. It meant so much to us to wrap it around our shoulders in the long, cold winter evenings in our unheated room."

A pastor, a converted Catholic, who is a writer of books, known and appreciated in this country, who has had a long life of suffering and sufficient grace, which has molded him into a deeply spiritual man, married late in life the second time, and a darling little girl came to fill the home with laughter. She, with a little boy, fell into a well and was drowned. The two dear parents, in their great sorrow, wanted above all to show forth Christ and not to sorrow as others do. I have had the most blessed fellowship with this family during my stay in Ardeche; it was sitting together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus!

She wrote to me this week to acknowledge a parcel, saying: "It was the 'above all measure' when she received the coat (which was a well-used one). I never expected to have such a wonderful, beautiful coat, having worn the one I have for the last eleven years. I looked at it, put it on, and with tears praised the Lord. And the woollen socks for my husband,—how warm and good,—and the food included. We sat down and felt that the Lord had supplied all our needs in Christ Jesus."

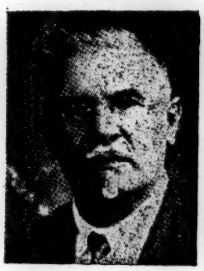
What would you think if the pastors of the big churches in America began to live like this? I declare unto you that it is through such channels that the Living Waters flow. So, even though we do not have the longed-for home, God has a "way in the wilderness." He leadeth us to the hungry and afflicted souls, and we are proving its deep blessings in personal life and seeing fruit for His glory.

May God bless you and reward you, and teach us to give and give, for it is laying up treasures in heaven. Let us go up to Jerusalem to consider Him Who loveth us and gave Himself for us, and whose coming draweth nigh. Your fellow-worker in Christ Jesus Our Lord,

TORDIS CHRISTOFFERSEN.

THIS BROTHER ASKS OUR PRAYERS

Warsaw, Poland.



Rev. A. Przeorski
Warsaw, Poland

Dear Brother:

I received your letter. A few weeks ago I sent you a letter and a postal card. I wrote you that I received the $25.00 by the American Express Company and two packages with used clothing and medicines, and thanked you for it.

We will be very thankful for food, only packages must be covered with cloth; otherwise packages do not come in good order, for the way is long. It is best to separate food packages from the clothing. Instead of medicines, I beg you to kindly send dried fruits, as apples, etc.; Mazola oil, oats and wheat flakes, rice or some fish conserve, as salmon or sardines.

I transmitted the contents of your letter to Brother Krakiewicz, and he will write you a letter himself. He will pay taxes for Villa Bethel if you will send the money. To this time I received nothing from the American Consul in Warsaw.

I have now received $50.00 by American Express Company and thank you for this. My husband does not feel at all well. The medicines you kindly send helped him, but for the present time he has plenty of them. Together with my husband, we send hearty Christian greetings. In His love.

EMILJA PRZEORSKA.

LONGS TO SEE HER AMERICAN FRIENDS

Sofia, Bulgaria, June 12, 1946.

My dear Mr. Smith:

I have your lovely letter of April 26 and also the splendid article, "He Opened to Us the Scripture," printed in "The European Harvest Field." Thank you ever so much for both of them. For me it was a real delight to read this article, as you, with such unmovable faith and deep understanding of the Gospels, make Christianity a real, vital and most powerful thing in life. My warm prayer, which is following you daily, is that God may bless you and your work most abundantly for His own glory.

Mr. & Mrs. Nikoff

I think I can distribute about one or two thousand Gospels of John and New Testaments. We deeply need Bulgarian Bibles, Gospels and tracts. *There are none.* People want to buy Bibles, but there are none. Please, if you have such literature, send me some. The Jewish people can read Bulgarian also. There are people who can help me in distributing Scripture and tracts, and even when I leave my country for the United States they will carry on.

As to clothing, the need is enormous! There are people who do not have any clothing, shoes, stockings, sheets, etc. They have lost everything because their houses and all that they had was destroyed by the bombs. Excuse me, please, if I call your attention to the fact that not only the Jews need relief clothing; but nearly all our best Bulgarian Christian sisters and brethren need clothing, too. Everything is most expensive, or else not to be found on the market. Even if one finds something, it will be so expensive that one cannot think of buying it. Let me tell you, as a friend, that I myself do not have shoes nor stockings. My last pair of shoes are so torn and worn that I am ashamed to wear them!

You can send relief clothing best through the U. S. A. Military Mission in Bulgaria, Sofia, American Consulate. Many Bulgarian people have received already such packages from their friends and relatives in U. S. A. Such packages are free of duty.

My Christian Missionary work is going on well. People are hungry for the Word of God; they seek salvation through Jesus Christ. There are some conditions in this present political movement that prevent us from working as we would like to, but I try to do my best. Pray for us and for Bulgaria.

I would be very happy if you could send me some new religious magazines, "Sunday School Times," religious pictures, and so on, or new up-to-date religious books. I need to have such literature for my work.

I am glad to know that you received my letter of April 1st, and also the one which I sent to Brother Stettler. They were very important letters and I do hope I will receive your reply to them. Please try if you can to send me some money by the U. S. A. Military Mission in Sofia and the American Consulate, but not in any other way.

Shall I have the pleasure of seeing you personally again? Oh, how my heart is longing to see all my dear friends in America, after this horrible war. I need rest, and I feel that I need to refresh myself spiritually and physically, with a good Bible Conference or something like that in the Lord if at all possible. I have much to tell you all. God be with you! Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus.

PAULINE NIKOFF.

A MIDNIGHT SERMON TWO MILES LONG

Snojmo, Czechoslovakia.

Dear Brother Smith:

Rev. Chas. Lukesh
Czechoslovakia

We are thankful for the flannelgraph we were able to take along. Some may consider it an excellent pastime for children,—if used thus. To us it is an excellent means for evangelization. Even the Lord Jesus Christ used pictures, pointing to the plowman in the field, the fisherman and his nets, even to the woman kneading dough. I wish we could have taken motion pictures of the face of a woman contacted the other night. Her husband had been a soldier in Snojmo, and was really converted and wanted to serve the Lord. However, the influence of his mother,, and later of his wife, cooled him off considerably and he is now miserable in this condition. We used the opportunity of calling at his home to speak to the wife through her two children. As a staunch church member, she is unmoved by the Gospel appeal, but it was a sight to watch her face as she saw the children being presented the Gospel!

Had a two-mile-long midnight sermon a week ago. After two hours of labor at a certain place, presenting the Gospel, we tried to catch the last car from the suburbs into Brno. But it only went to the car barns; so we had to hike the two miles. A young fellow in the same predicament walked along, but was not interested in the Gospel, even tried to get away by brisk walking. But we kept the pace, which led him to make a remark about it. Fast walking and preaching at the same time is not the easiest task, but it may be the only time he will ever get to hear the Gospel. At least, he was willing to take some tracts when we parted.

The conditions under which we preach on the railroad are often curious. The last time the train was jammed, the unlighted car being apparently just the place for spooning couples. We had come earlier and secured a seat in a corner. There, jammed in, we presented the Gospel to a woman passenger, who had once been in New York, and was attracted by a remark in English. She did not admit it until she was warmed up with the Gospel truth.

Such is the sowing under any circumstances, until we shall be able to get rooms emptied out in our regular place,—unless another revolution changes all plans. There is some talk. Thirty armored Russian trucks passed the other day; by the way, they were American make. WHY? Is even the army used for propaganda in peace times? Surely we are in the last times; it is only when the Lord comes! Even our work among the Czechoslovak people in the United States goes on, as seen by the following letter:

> Dear Mr. Lukesh:—Please send me the book, "Kept by a Mighty Hand." And I thank you many times for everything, that you saved my life and opened my eyes to realize all the evil practiced around me. Once more I thank you many fold, and enclose a dollar for the expenses you have in the sending of the Gospel letters. With compatriotic greetings, Mrs. J. S., Michigan.

The simplicity of the letter is not to be marveled at from one to whom the Gospel salvation is altogether new, as it is to many. We will gladly undertake the task of further instructing this soul, until she can be entrusted to the care of others.

Will have to close for this time, trusting that you and yours are well. Praise the Lord for keeping us, despite all. In His glad service, yours,

CHARLES LUKESH.

UNSPEAKABLE MISERY AND DISTRESS

Biel-Mett, July 16.

Very dear Friends and Prayer Partners:

Rev. Fred Stettler
Switzerland

One of the characteristics of our times is the unspeakable misery and distress of dozens of millions of peoples! This in spite of the fact that some of the greatest men have promised freedom from want. But as long as the fact of sin is ignored there will never be a time nor any people on earth who can truly say they are free from want. Sin is the cause of all the misery and need on earth. This is one of the outstanding facts that impresses us from day to day as letters of believers in various countries are received. Call it trouble, misery, need, lack of spirituality,—*all are in great need.*

From the Eastern European States hundreds of thousands have been driven out. Daily their new letters come in. I try to answer about 50 to 70 a week. There are women who cannot find a comb to comb their hair. There are Christians who pray that God might grant that somehow somebody might send them a needle or some thread or twine. There are others who have no clothing to change, nothing except that which they wear on their bodies. How shall they wash it? How shall they mend it? Some have lost weight, from 20 to 30 kilograms (50 pounds). One mother with children writes me: "We have not even a quilt to cover ourselves at night." (Formerly they were rich.) Now it is summer, but soon autumn will be at the door! What then?

The people are so far undernourished that many of the children and the old people die. To every one born three die! A doctor from a country town says that in his hospital out of ten women delivering eight or nine will die of exhaustion. A mother writes me: "My husband was murdered. Of my mother and my relatives I know nothing. I am here, but there is no Christian fellowship." (I used to be at her table as a guest while in Poland.)

An army chaplain from a prison camp writes me: "In times of depression I have often thought, were it not better an atom bomb should take away all Germany and all people of German descent, and all who have a name that sounds German? We have nothing but sorrow, misery and death before us. Perhaps afterward this world would be satisfied and at peace."

"I would like to move the wife and children into the Russian zone, but they tell me that I could only speak to them for ten minutes, and that they would remove them to Russia for forced labor; and of most nothing is heard any more. I have not seen my family for years."

"My sister died of typhus. She left two children, who are now with a relative who already has five children and is ill, and whose husband is missing. Can you help them?" "Fleeing from Poland, we sometimes slept in a cemetery, and sometimes in a church or some chicken house."

A preacher writes me: "During winter it was hard to find a place to prepare for the service. The only place that was warm was the kitchen, and there were ten of us. I have nothing but my Bible. All helps and books were lost. Actually if anything is given us through the Word, it must be given by the Holy Spirit."

"Our faces are pale green from hunger. The local authorities gave us three pounds of potatoes for three persons for ten days. To fill empty stomachs we ate beets. Early in February we ate the peelings of potatoes."

"The last Bible that I had the police beat so long on my head that it was completely broken." "Every time we want to do something or make something we find we have not the things to do it with." "The children can only go to school if the weather permits. They have no shoes. Our future is one big question mark."

Every letter that comes from these people ends thus: "Can you not send us Bibles?" "Please send us Bibles and New Testaments." Similar letters come in daily. As I do all letter writing myself personally, frequently I cannot decide which one is or must be answered first. Usually I select the most pressing ones and the others must wait. Out of all letters the urgent plea is: "Please pray for us!"

Today I have good tidings. For the first time in many years it is possible to send Christian literature to Austria. This morning I sent eight parcels of Gospel literature to Vienna. Within the last four months something more than 600 pounds of Gospel tracts, Gospels, New Testaments and other Christian literature has been sent out. Yesterday a shipment of 25 pounds of Russian literature went to Shanghai, China. "To the uttermost parts of the world."—Acts 1:8.

In Czechoslovakia we could order 280,000 Gospel tracts. A dear brother in Christ enabled us and encouraged us to go ahead. Recently we could send, too, 32 kilograms (about 70 pounds) of clothing to the needy. Of late we have been enabled to send about fifteen parcels with food to various Christian workers with large families or to such as have proved in the past years faithful in the churches of Poland. They are now all refugees in Germany. About 30 to 40 friends I have tried to find who would take care of parcels; that is, their purchase and shipment. Each parcel costs about five dollars and contains about eleven pounds of food and is being sent from Denmark. From here we cannot send food, except in special convoys and by special permission.

In that manner brethren have taken up to 36 tons of food and clothing to believers in Germany. One feels like working day and night to alleviate some of the urgent wants of fellow-believers in Christ.

Just at the present time we have about 50,000 French and Italian Gospel tracts in print. Through the goodness of the Lord and one of His servants provisions could be made so that 1,000 New Testaments and 500 Bibles could be bought at the Bible Society in Rome, Italy. *Important objects of prayer!*

For nearly two months now I have been preaching at the Gospel tent. We usually stay two weeks at one place. One day we use to put up the tent; in one day we take it down and move it to the next place. Thus we have been in four towns. Several letters have been received in which folks confess having found the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. In every place invitations to visit individuals for personal work have been received. The audiences have been from 40 to 160. Only one night it was exceptionally cold and rainy and then only seven came to the meeting, and this from far away. We have noticed that many from former towns went with us and came to the meetings evening after evening. The brother who cares for the tent at night goes out during the day to distribute tracts and invitations. He is a young man who may be a prospect for the Lord's service in the future. He is zealous and holds children's hours during the afternoons. For myself, I have tried to make ends meet and return home each night after the meeting, even though I often arrive at midnight, so as to be able to pursue the other work for at least five or six hours the next day.

We want to have you remember us, too, as we have just now an application up before the Allied Commission in Berlin for a permit to visit the thousands of refugees from Poland and bring them ten tons of food, clothing, and Bibles if this be permitted. With God all things are possible. I know there would be many tears of joy.

At home we have experienced again the help and goodness of the Lord. Mrs. Stettler was not at all well, and the doctor found it absolutely necessary for her to

go to the hospital for about two weeks. But the children were still at school and no help could be found. Prayer and the good hand of our God took care of it. Mrs. Stettler got better and the doctor declared she did not need to come. Cause for much praise!

Now it is vacation time for the children. For five weeks they have no school. Several of our children have an invitation to go to the country. The larger girls can help the farmers, and only the two smaller ones will be at home. This will be a great rest for mother, too.

Of late we have taken up connection with Portugal, and trust that the Lord will show us ways and means so the brethren there will be encouraged. In the manifold duties and heavy work that is our daily lot we often seek the Lord's direct guidance and blessings. We know many of you pray for us. We thank you very much. This is a great incentive to go on. For all your many tokens of love we thank the Lord daily. Yours in HIS blessed service,

FRED and MARTHA STETTLER.

LATE LETTER FROM FRANCE

Paris, July 24.

My dear Brother in Christ::

I know it will please you to have a line, especially as I can tell you the Lord is good. I am strong and in good spirits, for my Friend above reigneth, and He has enabled me to cast every weight of care upon Him. (How short the time since this brother was in extreme need in Algeria!—Editor.) I have everything to praise Him for, for goodness and lovingkindness follow me all my days! Yes, to know the Lord Jesus Christ is our Friend surpasses every earthly good and is better than the possession of a thousand worlds. To have Him to go to, to lay before Him all our wants, to express our fears and apprehensions, to plead His promises and to expect that because He has promised He will fulfill, is worth more than all the world can give. Yes, His ear is ever open to our prayers.

The Lord orders all things; I desire to keep a steadfast eye upon Him. Precious Jesus! Let me feel my dependence upon Thee more and more. The Lord is good. I am now three months in Paris, and how I praise Him for open doors and open hearts! Saturday afternoon a Rabbi of the Great Synagogue came to our Upper Room to talk with us about our Saviour. He spent two hours with us, and he asked us to pray for him. I am thankful for all those who are praying for me. My dear Brother, may the Lord bless you, and keep you near Himself, that while you are laboring for the souls of others your own soul may be continually refreshed from the Fountain of Living Waters, is the sincere prayer of,

Yours in the dear Redeemer,

I. D. SAMUELS.

(From this letter I am sure our readers will catch something of the fine spirit with which our brother goes from door to door daily, seeking out the Jews who are in great need spiritually and materially. Let us pray continually for him, and also keep him and Miss Christoffersen armed with the Word and gospel tracts. We are still praying that definite monthly support may be settled on our brother. Let this be a matter for prayer also.)

"Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but taking hold of His willingness to help us." Have we had a wrong idea of this greatest source of power? He could use us as "conductors" instead of "resistances."

AMONG THE CHRISTIAN REFUGEES

Biel-Mett, May 20.

Very Dear Friends:

As you have been interested and taken part in prayer for them, I desire to send you a few excerpts from letters coming every day from foreign countries. You know, we have been laboring for the Lord in Poland, especially among the German-speaking population. These people have now been ejected from there and can only live as refugees camps and precariously in rooms and attics, in various parts of what is left of Germany. Perhaps some 10,000 of our believers are among them. Here are a few extracts from their letters:

"The wants among the refugees become daily greater,—no clothes, no shoes. All supplies have been taken away from them. Armed women took away even the knapsacks from their backs. The shoes that we wear we have picked out of the garbage heap. Many of us are literally without clothes and linen."

"One of the most heart-rending efforts is the seeking for lost family members. Children seek their parents. Women continually seek for their lost husbands. The poverty and need is indescribable."

"As far as needs can be satisfied by gifts of money, we are happy to provide it. Large sums have been given for the purpose, but there are all too many wounds that cannot be healed that way,—the wounds of the heart!"

"The need for Bibles cannot be told in words. The few copies that are now and then given to me are like drops of water on a hot stone. I am nearly all the time on the way, holding Gospel meetings without a break. Many churches are open. From evening to evening 1000 meet together. In the afternoons many hundreds meet for Bible hours. At Sunday Schools up to 500 children meet. The young people are awakening for Christ."

"With cash we can help from our Missionary fund. May I suggest that parcels of provisions be sent. Even though this may prove quite costly, I must say that here they are worth many times their cost. You cannot imagine what joy, what unspeakable encouragement you are giving by sending food parcels."

"You cannot imagine how great was the joy to get a food parcel yesterday from you. We have not experienced for years nor had for ourselves anything like it. My wife and I want to thank you with warmest thanks!"

"We experience a great turning to God. We have never seen anything like it in Germany. The young people go singing into the hospitals. Daily I lend my Bible up to nine times. I can reach from week to week some 2000 to 2500 people. New Testaments and Bibles and song books are constantly asked for. Everybody wants to read for themselves. At the Lord's Supper there were some 1200 men. On one Sunday we have twelve Gospel services. Help! Pray! Please collect Bibles, New Testaments and Gospel portions and please send them to us. We cannot understand why the allied nations will not yet permit Bibles and Gospel literature to be sent to the German people."

"Most of the refugees desire to emigrate, if this were only possible. For most of them this hope is but a wish or a dream."

"From the village of B., Brother and Sister W. D. have been shot by the Poles. (A whole list of preachers and Christian workers that have been shot follows.) Sisters L. and B. have come out, giving the last things they treasured,

and are happy that they are out of this hell. Things happen there that can hardly be described! Men are harnessed before the ploughs . . . many are shot . . . cemeteries are leveled . . . churches are made into dancing halls . . . whole families commit suicide. . . ."

DESCRIBING CONDITIONS ABROAD

My dear Friends! These are a few excerpts from letters that are daily being received. We do not forget that they are all passing through military censorship. What will these people have to tell when all restraint is removed!

May I urge you to pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in this terrible emergency. They are brethren and sisters in Christ. Very many of them I have known for years. These letters are without exception from believers well known to me. They often show and prove that the others who claim to be better know how to commit these crimes just as well as those who are now before the world courts.

I have ready hundreds of pounds of Bibles and Gospel literature, but cannot yet send them out. We are at this moment awaiting the time when borders will be opened. Our meetings have contributed about a ton of food that does not easily spoil, and this is going out just this week. Clothes, linen, etc., have been shipped to Holland, Belgium, Jugoslavia, France. The borders to Germany are still closed. The hatred is still great and Christians (many of them) have been carried away with this spirit.

How far the spirit of this demon has possessed the world, even gripping believers, we understand well. Scripture asserts: "Iniquity shall abound, and the love of many shall wax cold."—Matt. 24:12.

From Hungary we have a very encouraging note. Some one has sent me a U. S. hundred-dollar bill in a letter, and I sent it on to Hungary for printing Christian literature. From the letter before me I read:

"We gave out six Gospel pamphlets of from 10 to 30 pages for Christians of all denominations, to the extent of 12,000 copies, and the distribution has commenced;—150 to 200 parcels go out in all directions. I have just received your registered air mail and post card with one hundred dollars. Last week's letters cost 2,000,000 pengoes; this week a letter cost 8,000,000 pengoes, and next week a letter will probably cost 20,000,000. So you can imagine how inestimable was the help of your gift!"

Love to all in Christ, especially to all our prayer partners.

FRED STETTLER.

BIOLA ON THE AIR COAST TO COAST

We feel led to aid in spreading the "good news" that on September 29, the Bible Institute of Los Angeles will begin broadcasting from coast to coast over the Mutual system. The regular Monday, Wednesday, Friday (8 to 8:30 A. M.) program over a Pacific Coast hookup will be continued, but the new Mutual broadcast will occupy the spot formerly held by Dr. John Zoller, or "America Back to God" broadcast. This new program, starting at Los Angeles at 8 A. M., will be heard progressively an hour later in the mountain states; two hours later in the Central time division, and from 11 to 11:30 A. M. along the Atlantic coast. The program will include music and testimonies by the students and a Bible message by Dr. Louis T. Talbot, President of Biola.

CLOTHING THE RABBI'S CHILDREN

"Pray ye therefore. . . ." Paris, France.

"There came a man sent from God."

My Dear Fellow-workers in the Lord:

During my short stay in Denmark some years ago, I had the privilege of meeting in a weekly prayer meeting with a group of sisters. My prospective going to France, to Paris with all it involved, especially the problem and need of fellow-workers, was much on our hearts. Our meditations were based on Exodus 33, that marvelous chapter in which God covered Moses with His hand in the cleft of the rock as His glory passed by, and he promised that His presence should go with him who had prayed for a fellow-worker,—"Whom wilt thou send with me?"

Coming to Paris, we took a week of quiet waiting upon the Lord, and suddenly one afternoon there came a man sent from God,—dear Brother Samuels,—and we began a fellowship in prayer which has never ceased. We walked and served the Lord together in Jewry and found doors open in such places which the Lord alone could open,—homes of rabbis and Jews of standing.

Then the war started and we had to part, he to his family in Oran, and I in other directions. But the fellowship at the throne of grace for the house of Israel has continued until this day. When the hostilities ceased, we began to seek permission for Samuels to come over to join us, but what difficulties confronted us! Again it was God's grace that we found a Christian gentleman who knew the men in authority, and it worked, for good dear Samuels got all papers and came, semi-starved,—insufficient food for seven years,—without teeth and in rags. What a sight! I almost got a shock! But he came in the same humble spirit, without a word of complaint, ready for anything. "Though the outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed every day," could be written in big letters over his war experiences.

We have a wonderful prospect,—more to do than we can cope with. We have twice dined with our Rabbi. It was a great privilege to help clothe the family,—eight beautiful children,—as everywhere the Gestapo had taken all their possessions. But the whole family was saved! Last week Samuels went to the synagogue and had an hour's talk with the Chief Rabbi. The sowing by all waters is going on. We have fine tracts suited for all kinds and in different languages, thanks to Brother Stettler. We are looking joyfully into the future, and with great expectation. God is able for all these needs, for it is His work and His glory that we seek.

In the same great chapter we read that when Moses went into the tent of Meeting, to commune with God, the power descended, and all the Israelites bowed at their doors. God grant us such devotion and fervent prayer that they will bring the power down—and convict and constrain the Jews and all around us to bow to the Word of Grace and Salvation. Warm greetings in His Name from your fellow-worker in France, TORDIS CHRISTOFFERSEN.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the American-European Fellowship, incorporated in Philadelphia, Pa., in June, 1926, and established in New York City in April, 1928, the sum of .....dollars (free of taxation),* to be used for the purposes for which the above Fellowship was established. And I direct that the receipt of the American-European Fellowship, signed by the Treasurer of the time being, shall be sufficient discharge for the said legacy.

* If not free from taxation omit the words in brackets.